

Questions for Discovery Bidders conference

with DOC answers

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1. What happens if a client meets the criteria to come into the program but does not want to participate what will the incentive for participation look like for them to participate if not a needs reducing program?

DOC Answer: Contract will provide incentives for inmate participation

2. How does someone complete the program can we hold people past their minimum?

DOC Answer: Inmates complete at their minimum term

3. Can you get a copy of the Correctional program checklist that the program will be evaluated on within 6 months?

DOC Answer: No the checklist is proprietary and has to be purchased; the DOC is in discussion with other AHS departments the potential use and training of this tool.

4. Will there be any RSAT reporting requirements. If so what will they be?

DOC Answer: Yes, same requirements as current contract

5. How many clients will need the program?

DOC Answer: Clients will need to have a substance abuse related diagnosis and an LSI score of 25 or above. The program will begin as a voluntary program.

6. Will the men that participate in this program also need to engage in CSC or INDAP if required by classification rules, and if so what's the plan for delivering the service?

DOC Answer: Any inmates assigned to the Discovery program will participate in need reducing groups as directed and their aftercare will be determined by the DOC.

7. How would you like offenders' time used throughout the day?

DOC Answer: Structured day, all get program activities including work and education. Volunteer activities (AA, NA, etc.) in evening hours.

8. The RFP indicates offenders should be engaged in “therapeutic activities” 40-70% of the time. Is this waking time? And what is the range of activities that you consider “therapeutic?”

DOC Answer: All provider groups as well as education, work and directed leisure activities.

9. How do you envision offenders being maintained in the continuum post-release (e.g. ISAP, RISE, other)?

DOC Answer: Each case will be handled individually and the most relevant aftercare for each case is expected.

10. Does the DOC have expectations regarding offender to counselor ratio? What will be the size of the unit?

DOC Answer: J unit will be the treatment unit (25 beds), I unit will be a transition unit (25 beds)

11. The RFP indicates that staffing coverage can range from 0800-2100 hours. This is a wide range – why? What is the preferred staffing coverage?

DOC Answer: Inmates will be actively engaged during these periods. Staffing coverage will need to be flexible to assure programming and activities during this period.

12. How much of the current Discovery program can be maintained/transferred?

DOC Answer: Emotional Cartography; maybe, Kim would like to review the curriculum. Also any life skills activities that we me be conducting

13. Does the program require any form of unit programming that would include inmate governance, coordination and organization?

DOC Answer: The program should be unit based and the contractor should have a way to support the community. The program should not allow for any inmates to have any kind of actual or perceived authority over other inmates.

14. Define program completion.

DOC Answer: Completion will be driven by the case plan. The facility and treatment team will develop measurements that define program completion.

15. Will there be a family component?

DOC Answer: The DOC is considering applying for a “Fatherhood Initiative Grant” that will be based at the NWSCF site. The grant will include parenting and family related programs and activities. The contractor winning this bid can run family groups subject to DOC approval, extra visits can be considered as an incentive to engage clients in family group counseling.

16. Can the name of the program change or will it remain as “Discovery”?

DOC Answer: The program name will continue to be “Discovery” for RSAT compliance purposes.